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**Kenneth M. Hoyt**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: Texas Southern 1969 AB, 1972 JD  
 Began Service: April 1988  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor, South Texas College of Law (1981-1982); Adjunct Professor, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University (1983-1984)

**Judicial:** Presiding Judge, Texas District Court, 125th Civil District (1981-1982); Justice, Texas Court of Appeals, First District (1985-1988)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wickliff, King, Hoyt & Jones (1972-1975); Partner, Anderson, Hodge, Jones & Hoyt (1975-1979); Partner, Hoyt, Webster & Andrews (1979-1981); Private Practice (1983-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1972-1978)

**Current Memberships:** National Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Sim Lake**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
 Education: Texas A&M 1966 BA; Texas 1969 JD  
 Began Service: September 2, 1988  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan



**Affiliation:** Member, Chambers of Member Sim Lake III, Judicial Conference of the United States

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1969-1970); Partner, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1972-1988)

**Chambers of District Judge Sim Lake** *continued*

**Military Service:** United States Army (1970-1971)

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**Melinda Harmon**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: Radcliffe 1969 AB; Texas 1972 JD  
 Began Service: 1989  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John V. Singleton, Jr., United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1973-1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 280th Judicial District, Civil Division (1988-1989)

**Legal Practice:** Litigation Section, Exxon Company, United States of America (1975-1988)

**Current Memberships:** Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**John D. Rainey**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Southern Methodist 1967 BBA, 1972 JD  
 Began Service: May 28, 1990  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court, 149th Judicial District (1987-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Taylor, Mizell, Price, Corrigan & Smith (1973-1979); Partner, Gilbert, Gilbert & Rainey (1979-1982); Partner, Rainey & LeBoeuf (1982-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1969-1970)

**Current Memberships:** State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas; Victoria County Bar Association

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**Lee H. Rosenthal**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
 Education: Chicago 1974 BA, 1977 JD  
 Began Service: 1992  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John R. Brown, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Baker Botts L.L.P. (1978-1992)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; The American Law Institute; Houston Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Janis Graham Jack**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: Baltimore 1974 BA; South Texas 1981 JD  
 Began Service: March 14, 1994  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Member, Board of Equalization, City of Corpus Christi, Texas

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1981-1994)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Fifth Circuit District Judges Association; Maritime Law Association of the United States; National Association of Women Judges; Philosophical Society of Texas; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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**Vanessa D. Gilmore**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1956  
 Education: Hampton 1977 BS; Houston 1981 JD  
 Began Service: 1994  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Houston

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Vickery & Kilbride (1981-1985); Associate, Sue Schechter & Associates (1985-1986); Partner, Vickery, Kilbride, Gilmore & Vickery (1986-1994)

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**Nancy Friedman Atlas**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
 Education: Tufts 1971 BS; NYU 1974 JD  
 Began Service: August 22, 1995  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Dudley Bonsal, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1974-1976)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York, Civil Division, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1979-1982)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Webster & Sheffield (1976-1978); Attorney, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1982-1995); Shareholder, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1986-1995); Director, Sheinfeld, Maley & Kay, P.C. (1994-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Foundation, American Bar Association; Section on Litigation, American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; The Association of Attorney-Mediators; Federal Bar Association; Houston Bar Association; Houston Bar Foundation, Houston Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; State Bar of Texas; Texas Bar Foundation, State Bar of Texas

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